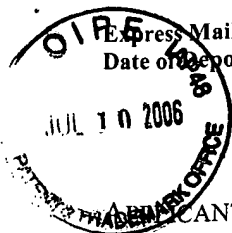


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**RESPONSE TO MARCH 6, 2006 OFFICE ACTION AND PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

In response to the March 6, 2006 Office Action imposing restriction and species election, Applicants elect Group VI, which includes claims 37-41 and 48-50, drawn to a method of treating a diabetes patient. As requested, Applicants further elect the species (human serum albumin)-Glp-Gly-Pro-Trp-Leu-Glu-Glu-Glu-Glu-Glu-Ala-Tyr-Gly-Trp-Leu-Asp-Phe, where Z is human serum albumin, m is 0, n is 1, X is Glp-Gly-Pro-Trp-Leu-Glu-Glu-Glu-Glu-Glu-Ala), AA1 is Tyr, AA2 is Gly, AA3 is Trp, AA4 is Leu, AA5 is Asp, and AA6 is Phe. Claims 37-41, 48-50, and 54-62 read on the elected species.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.